At present, 4 schools and 1 SAI training centre at Rajnandgaon are operational under NSTC and STC schemes respectively in the State of Chhattisgarh to identify talented sports persons from the entire State, including the tribal belts, and provide them scientific sports training as per the norms of the schemes.

(c) No, Sir. Government of India give grant-in-aid to State Governments for construction of sports infrastructure on receipt of proposal from them in accordance with the norms of its schemes.

**Funds for construction of indoor stadium at Dharwar, Karnataka**

2382. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the revised proposal as desired by the Ministry of Youth affairs and Sports has been submitted to the Government for construction of indoor stadium at Dharwar in Karnataka;

(b) if so, whether Government was also requested to release central financial assistance to the project; and

(c) when can the release of funds be expected?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The proposal was rejected as it did not conform to the provision of prior approval of the Government before commencing construction work under the scheme of "Grants for creation of Sports infrastructure".